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# NO INTENTION OF SLURRING JEWRY, CONTENDS CRITIC OF LADEJINSKY

## Orthodox Youth Picket Israel Consulate

With placards held high and firm young Orthodox Jews picket the Israel consulate in New York protesting the "religious persecution" of ultra-Orthodox groups in Israel. The same group, which the pickets refuse to identify by name, carried their signs in front of Madison Square Garden last week at the massive Israel Bond Hanukah festival and has been picketing in front of the consulate for two weeks now. They have said they would continue until there is a "relaxation of religious persecution in Israel."

## Israel Seeks Right to Use of Suez As Bat Galim's Men Return Home

NEW YORK (JP)—The ten-man crew of the Israel freighter Bat Galim, seized by Egypt Sept. 28, was set free this week, but the principle of Israel's right to passage through the Suez canal still provided plenty of fodder for a heated discussion in the United Nations.

The Western Big Three, France, Britain and the United States, lined up solidly with Israel in assailing Egypt's Suez policies. The Egyptian position had been made clear again by Cairo's refusal to permit the Bat Galim to continue its trip through the Suez Canal.

As a result of the present debate, the Security Council is expected to consider a resolution reaffirming its 1951 stand on Egypt's refusal to permit Israel ships to use the canal. At that time, the Council urged Egypt to permit free passage to ships of all nations.

**DENIES EGYPT'S RIGHT**

U. S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge insisted Egypt could not detain any ship whether or not it was flying the Israeli flag. He and other Western delegates assailed Egypt's contention that the Constantinople Convention of 1888 gave it the right to bar Suez passage to hostile vessels.

The West reportedly has suggested to Egypt that the case would be closed if the Bat Galim and crew were allowed to finish the voyage to Haifa without setting a precedent. Israel, however, is interested not only in the Bat Galim, but in settling the whole Suez blockade question before the Anglo-Egyptian Suez agreement goes into effect.

While the U. N. debate was going on, the crewmen of the Bat Galim were back with their families in Israel and relating their experiences in Egyptian prisons.

**RELEASED IN GAZA**

The seamen were taken by Egyptians to an outpost in the Gaza strip of Palestine and told to walk two miles to an Israeli position on the other side of the armistice lines. Israeli officials had refused to accept them formally through the machinery of the Mixed Armistice Commission, insisting the crew should be released together with the vessel.

The sailors reported they had been well treated by civilian jailers but had been beaten and robbed in a military prison during the first two days of their detention.

Zvi Shidlo, captain of the ship, charged that mistreatment in the military prison was "systematic and well-organized."

**KEPT SEPARATE**

"Our men were kept in separate cells and our hands were chained behind our backs. At regular intervals—in my case it was every 15 minutes but in other cases it was every hour—soldiers entered our cells and struck us."

"We were not questioned or anything, but just beaten. The men were experts at it and seemed to have been specially trained for that purpose. They had no other apparent functions in the prison."

## Jerusalem's Crown Offered Hapsburg

ZURICH, Switzerland (JP)—A report that representatives of the Naturei Karta (Defenders of the Wall), ultra-Orthodox group in Israel, have asked Otto von Hapsburg, son of the late Austrian emperor, to become King of Jerusalem was contained in the German-language paper **Israelitisches Wochenblatt** published here.

The paper said that three men, led by a rabbi, had called upon the Austrian consul in Tel Aviv and submitted their suggestion, pointing out that one title of the Hapsburg emperors had been that of King of Jerusalem. The consul reportedly passed on the proposal to his government.

## No Peace With Israel, Says Egyptian Official

JERUSALEM—Egypt would refuse to conclude peace with Israel even if the latter were to implement all United Nations resolutions regarding her frontiers, Egyptian Propaganda Minister Salah Salem reportedly told a group of Syrian journalists last week.

According to the **Jerusalem Post**, Salem was reported in the Jordan newspaper, **A-Diffa**, to have pointed out that Egypt had rejected the American offer of military assistance in return for conclusion of a security pact, even if that meant she would not receive the "millions of dollars worth of arms."

## Jewish Groups Protest Vitt's Letter To Benson

By CHARLES ROTH
Chief, N. Y. Bureau, NJP

NEW YORK (JP)—The author of the controversial letter praising the Department of Agriculture's firing of Wolf Ladejinsky, Russian-born Jewish expert on land reform, told **The Post** this week he was sorry at the outcome of the entire episode and had no intention of slurring the Jews.

The letter, addressed to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, was written by George N. Vitt, a White Russion emigre and industrial editor of the American Exporter Publications of New York.

GOLDSTEIN

At one point in his letter, Vitt wrote "regrettably . . . a goodly share of (Russian) revolutionaries were found among the Russian Jews," and that "Jews who turned into Reds or fellow travelers were among the worst kind of traitors."

**DENIES JEWBAITING**

Vitt also said "I am not a Jewbaiter. Some of my best friends are Jews." He said the criticism he had made against "Red Jews" was made by Jewish friends themselves.

Vitt's letter when quoted by Milan D. Smith, executive assistant to Secretary Benson, to support the dismissal of Ladejinsky, touched off a storm of protest from Jewish organizations.

Dr. Israel Goldstein, president of the American Jewish Congress, called on Benson to suspend Smith "for his apparent readiness to employ anti-Semitic material." Dr. Goldstein asked for Smith's suspension while the Ladejinsky case was being investigated.

Protests were also sent to the Agriculture Department by Henry Edward Schultz, chairman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith; Irving M. Engel, president of the American Jewish Committee; and Joseph Barr, national commander of the Jewish War Veterans.

**TO SEE PRESIDENT**

Barr this week was granted an appointment by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to discuss the firing of Ladejinsky. The President's views on the matter have apparently already been indirectly revealed by the newly announced appointment of Ladejinsky to the important post of director of land reform for South Viet Nam for the Foreign Operations Administration.

Vitt, in a telephone conversation, told **The Post** he would introduce a reporter to a Jewish friend who had given him the material for his letters. He said he had brought his Jewish friend to his employer to prove he was simply relating something he had heard without any intent to hurt or slander the Jewish people.

Vitt said that if a **Post** reporter would come down to the offices of **The American Exporter** magazine, he could interview both Vitt and his Jewish friend. Ten minutes later, upon arrival, the reporter was met by Vitt alone, who said his friend could not talk to the press until after a contemplated meetink with Schultz of the ADL, and Danzig of the AJ Committee on another floor in the building.

Both the ADL and the AJ Committee said, however, they would not meet with either Vitt or his friend until they had held a general press conference. Then they would consider a conference.

Ladejinsky said this week in his New York home that Vitt's letter was a "vicious, anti-semitic, Fascist brand of writing usually associated with crackpots." Beyond that, he said, it "hardly calls for comment."

## Truman To Get Award From Lawyer's Group

CHICAGO (JP)—Former President Harry S. Truman will be presented with the 1954 Decalogue Society of Lawyers award at the Annual Patriotic Dinner, to be held Feb. 19 in the Palmer House.

Elmer Gertz, president of the Society, announced that Truman would receive the award for his contributions to the cause of democracy and the general welfare of the American people. His commissions on civil rights, higher education, naturalization and immigration the Society feels, have performed historic tasks of pioneering in the field of human relations.

TRUMAN

"We as Jews and as Americans feel a sense of gratitude to President Truman for what he did to aid the refugees from totalitarian inhumanity and toward the establishment, recognition and strengening of the state of Israel, the newest democracy which follows the inspiration of our oldest democracy," said Gertz.

"At a later date, and particularly on the occasion of our Patriotic Dinner, we shall speak in detail as to the reasons for honoring President Truman. At that time he will respond with an acceptance address."

# HOW FIRED TEACHER WAS CONVERTED

## *Conversion Is Slow Work, According To Mission Head*

By ADALINE ROBINSON
Jewish Post Correspondent

ST. LOUIS (JP)—"Conversion is slow work," according to the Rev. Emil D. Elbe, superintendent of the Midwest Messianic Center of St. Louis.

Why?

"They (the Jews) are as hard-headed as you are," is his explanation to this reporter.

Despite the "hard-headed" Jews, the mission, at that time called the St. Louis Hebrew Mission, has had at least one notable success—the conversion of Rachel Drorit.

In case the name doesn't register, Rachel Drorit is the former name of Israeli school teacher Rachel Bar Giora, who was recently fired from her job at an Eilat school when her conversion was discovered (JP, Nov. 26, '54).

**EFFECTING ISRAEL**

Since, in this indirect way, the work of a Christian mission in St. Louis may have an effect on Israel's future, this reporter attended one of the prayer meetings of the group at its new quarters at 7745 Olive st., which it has occupied since September.

It was the night after Christmas and the eighth day of Hanukah when I attended the Messianic group's services in a converted, large frame house. Boughs of evergreens decked the piano in a small room seating about 30 where the services were to be conducted.

Off to the side, stood two menorahs, but barren of candles. Asking Irving Kugler, a former Jew, who greeted me at the door whether the Menorah was ever lit, he answered, "Oh, no, it's here for sentimental reasons—a memento."

Present at the services were 17 adults and ten children. Three adults and one child were Hebrew-Christians, as they call themselves, or converts.

**CONSENTS TO TALK**

After the singing of hymns and a discussion of the sermon given by Elbe—the usual agenda in missions of this sort—the super-intendent, a gracious man, consented to an interview.

I told him I was from **The Jewish Post** and asked if I hadn't seen him before as a speaker at an important meeting held by a prominent Jewish organization last winter in St. Louis. Elbe admitted he had been "invited to participate."

After freely discussing the case of Rachel Bar Giora, as reported in another story on this page, he turned to the story of the mission as a whole.

Elbe, a life-long Christian himself, said he came to St. Louis in January 1947 to start his mission. He couldn't give any exact figure on the number of Jews he had converted to "Hebrew-Christians," as the group doesn't keep a record. He thought, however, there had been very few.

"If we do get a conversion, it's a miracle," he admitted.

**CHANGED NAME**

He agreed with the suggestion that the inclusion of the word "Hebrew" in the former name of the mission might have been a hindrance as those wishing to lose their identity as Jews would wish to do it completely.

"That's the reason we changed our name when we moved out here," he explained, and added, "Even the word mission seems to have no appeal."

Elbe said he was friendly to the Jews and was pro-Israel.

"True Christians love the Jewish people," he told me. "If there were more people like us, there would be less anti-semitism."

He denied members of his group were among those who have been ringing doorbells recently on the West end, asking people if they were Jewish and if they had ever read the New Testament. Similar questions had been asked last summer at Heman Park by missionaries who struck up conversations with bathers at the swimming pool.

**MORE ACTIVE SOON**

Elbe said his group had been so busy painting and fixing up its new quarters to engage in this sort of activity. However, he hoped to be able to do something of a more active nature, such as holding an open air session like the one which first attracted Rachel Drorit.

"If I weren't to tell the Jews that Jesus is the messiah, I would be worse than a hypocrite," he asserted.

He appeared shocked when told some of the people receiving the mission group's literature had been under the mistaken impression it was from a Jewish organization. He said he would speak to Kugler, editor of the publication, to see what changes could be made.

**KUGLER A CONVERT**

Kugler, who formerly lived in New York but now calls St. Louis home, has embraced "Hebrew-Christianity" wholeheartedly. He has a Christian wife and is endowed with missionary zeal. An article under his by-line in the publication he edits for the group, **Ha'or** (The Light), is entitled "Let's Be Jews."

He winds up his appeal with: "Let us be real Jews and meet with the God of Israel in the Messiah of Israel." Of course, by the "Messiah," he means Jesus. The appeal won Rachel Drorit, not so important, perhaps, in itself as in the battle it may have touched off in Israel.

The Midwest Messianic Center, too, for better or for worse, may have made an important contribution to Israel.

## Editor Charges Israel Favorable for Missions

TEL AVIV (JP)—The charge that Israel has become the most favorable ground for Christian missionaries was made by Dr. Herzl Rosenblum, editor of Tel Aviv's daily **Yediot Aharonot** in an editorial last week.

Rosenblum blames the president of Israel, members of the cabinet and leaders of parties and organizations for the situation, saying that every "meshumad" (convert) is welcomed and honored upon coming to Israel.

Dr. Rosenblum mentions the warm receptions given the late Serge Kousevitsky, composer Otto Klemperer and Sholem Asch. Commenting on the latter, the editor asks: "Where else in the world over has this new adept of Jesus been received so smilingly and warmly as in the Jewish State?"

The editorial indicated that there are about 500 missionaries in Israel, many having come from China after being expelled by the communists, and that over 3,000 Jewish children get their education in missionary schools. But, Dr. Rosenblum says, the parents of these children cannot be blamed because "they are but conforming themselves to the pro-missionary atmosphere which is now prevailing in Israel."

**GET GO AHEAD**

JERUSALEM (JP)—After a long time policy of limiting American appearances of cabinet ministers to United Jewish Appeal and Israel Bond gatherings, the cabinet has decided that henceforth it would be proper for the ministers to address functions of all authorized Israeli campaigns.

## *Dismissal Aroused Storm Over Role of Government*

ST. LOUIS (JP)—As hot as the recent to-do about religion and the schools has been in the United States, it has been mild compared to the storm created by the recent firing of a converted Christian school teacher in Israel.

Rachel Bar-Giora, 26, was the only teacher in the pioneer town of Eilat, in the Negev, when she was suddenly fired, reportedly on the discovery that she was not Jewish. (JP, Nov. 26, '54).

As the story developed, it turned out Rachel, the mother of a five-year-old boy, had been a fighter in the Irgun during the Israeli fight for independence, had married an Irgun leader and after his death in 1948 and after the birth of her son, she returned to St. Louis, from which she reportedly had come many years before.

It was there that Rachel ran into the St. Louis Hebrew Mission, now called Midwest Messianic Center, and became involved in what now promises to test the Israeli government's stand on the question of theocracy and democracy.

**"RACHEL WAS HASTY"**

To the man responsible for Rachel's predicament, the man who was responsible for her conversion, Rev. Emil B. Elbe, the storm is a little out of proportion and premature, for, he says, "In my opinion Rachel Bar-Gliora was rather hasty and never did practice the true Christian faith."

Reverend Elbe first came in touch with Rachel Drorit, as she was known in St. Louis, during the summer of 1952, when she stopped to watch some slides of Israel the Messianic group was showing in the street. She became interested and went on to attend their meetings at their former location at 1474 Blackstone ave. and to conduct classes in Hebrew there.

She didn't receive any direct compensation for her teaching there, Elbe said, the only money she got was voluntary contributions placed in a basket set up in the hall.

**STUDIES BIBLE**

Elbe then arranged for her to attend classes at the Midwest Bible Institute. As far as he knew she had no family in St. Louis, contrary to the earlier newspaper reports, and had come originally from Pennsylvania. She lived near the Institute in a trailer she acquired, attached to a 1937 Chevrolet. To make ends meet she worked at the Dutch Maid Grill.

"The next thing I knew," Elbe continued, "without even notifying me in advance, Rachel quit her studies at the Bible Institute right in the middle of the semester in April 1953 and left town."

He said he learned from her friends months later that she had returned to Israel and was living in the Kibbutz Saad in the northern Negev. Elbe said that later she wrote him, but when asked to show the letter, he said he did not think it ethical.

**RACHEL'S CHRISTIANITY**

Guiding around the point of the "true Christianity" of Rachel, the St. Louis mission director said:

"I do not feel it right for such a person (a Christian) to teach the basic rudiments of Judaism in a religious school. She would be teaching contrary to her own Christian convictions. This does not apply to a secular school."

As far as is known, Rachel's school in Eilat was secular and not religious and on that point seems to hinge the "propriety" of discharging a teacher just because she isn't a Jew anymore.

## *Santa Proves Stranger to Israeli*

JERUSALEM (JP) — To Westerners it sometimes comes as a surprise to learn how unfamiliar Christmas and all its trimmings is to Israeli's. Illustrative of the situation is this story they have been telling here recently.

The story concerns a young girl who works in a government office that received quite a collection of greeting cards from its world-wide contacts. The girl had been turning over the cards and studying the illustrations until she came across a picture of Santa Claus in full regalia—red coat, red cap, big nose, long straggly white beard right under his ears—and said delightedly:

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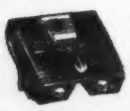

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*FLOWERS AND BIGOTRY*

# Secret Code Anti-Semitism Being Used In Bermuda

NEW YORK (JP) — A secret code policy of discrimination against Jews in hotel accommodations and in home purchasing is being used by the Bermuda Tourist bureau and the government of that semi-tropic paradise it was disclosed by **Confidential** magazine in its current issue.

With a photoprint of a confidential letter from the tourist bureau explaining the code system of identifying Jews, Negroes and Asiatics, the magazine exposes the bigotry and anti-semitism of the colony that yearly reaps a harvest of $20 million from American tourists.

Without ever asking the blunt question: "What is your race or religion?" travel agents throughout the United States label all persons seeking reservations to Bermuda hotels in the secret code passed down to them. Their judgement of you may be wrong, but there is nothing you can do about it, and anyway, most tourists don't even know they are being discriminated against.

**HIBISCUS IS JEW**

The magazine explained the procedure of bigotry this way:

"As the agent fills out your application he writes down a single code word. He makes sure you can't see the word . . . But with one stroke of the pen he has branded you for life as far as the Bermuda hotels are concerned.

"If you are of the Jewish faith, the travel agent writes down 'Hibiscus.'

"If you are an Asiatic, the code word is 'Poinciana.'

"If you are a Negro, the secret word is 'Geranium.' "

Desirable "white-Christians" are labeled "Oleander."

The article was written by **Confidential** staff writer Bruce Cory, who spent several weeks in Bermuda and around United States travel agencies.

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## *Secret Guide for Discrimination*

Proof of the bigotry being used by the Bermuda Tourist bureau to discriminate against American tourists who yearly go to the tropic resort and spend more than $20 million is contained in this photoprint letter copyrighted by Confidential magazine and published in the March issue. In big, bold letters the code names for discrimination are shown so that there can be no mistake when the travel agent makes reservations for restricted hotels.

According to Corey, the discrimination is so fanatical in some hotels that Gentiles who supposedly look like Jews are barred. Some of these hostelries are even proud of their policy and a letter from the assistant manager of one hotel as quoted in **Confidential** said:

"I might mention at this time that we are a restricted hotel and we cater only to Christian clientele and, therefore, you should be very happy here with us."

**CAN'T FIGHT IT**

And it is a hard thing to fight!

Corey reports that if the agent rebels about being a censor he soon finds himself in a position where his reservations won't be accepted—and in the lucrative Bermuda tourist trade this can be a severe loss. So if a non-"Oleander should insist on a particular hotel he is usually told that unfortunately "the hotel is full."

And when occasional slips are made and an unwanted person gets into a restricted hotel he is usually given the worst accomodations and the least amount of courtesy possible—along with a dinner table behind a potted palm.

The **Confidential** article asserts that this policy is a direct reflection of the government's attitude. It quotes a member of the Colonial Parliament who allegedly said on the floor: "We all know that the Jews are a despised and objectionable race of people. But since the Colony stands to benefit from their dollars, perhaps we should tolerate them in small numbers."

**WANT A HOUSE?**

In connection with purchasing a house on the island, the policy is even tighter, for there isn't any toleration at all!

Should a blackballed American try to buy a house, the article says, "his chaonces are equivalent to that of a snowball in hell."

**Confidential** says the policy works this way:

"The Governor-in-Council, consisting of seven members who are staunch advocates of 'Bermuda for Bermudians,' first fine-comb a prospective home-owner's racial and religious antecedents. His profession or occupation and his bank account are then given a thorough going over.

"If he still bears up under this scrutiny, his name and intentions are published locally. If anyone then takes exception, it's no go. And no reasons need be announced."

Confidential also states that press censorship has been exercised by Bermuda officials to keep the news of anti-Semitic actions out of the newspapers—for that might hurt trade and they still like the "Yankee dollar."

## Phoenix United Fund Threatens to Break Up

PHOENIX, Ariz. (JP) — The failure of fund-raising attempts of the Phoenix United Jewish Welfare Fund in the last few years has caused a threatened breakup of the united campaigning.

Without naming the groups that have threatened to conduct their own fund drives, Hirsh Kaplan, executive director of the Jewish Community Council, said that several major national Jewish agencies were involved and added:

"Frankly, I think they are justified."

The Welfare Fund, which collects for some 35 Jewish groups, had a goal of $125,000 last year and only $90,000 of it was raised. Not once, since the Israel fight for independence in 1948-49 has Phoenix reached its goal in the Welfare Fund's annual campaign, Kaplan said.

Blasting the Jewish community of this sun-baked Arizona community, Kaplan said that the records reveal that too many people have been content to give the same amount year after year with no reference at all to the goal. Added to this, he continued, is the fact that some 500-600 of the 1,900 Jewish homes in Phoenix give nothing at all to the fund.

## *You Can Be Sure If It's an Israeli!*

JERUSALEM (JP)—In Israel men are men and women are women; or at least, they're going to have to stay that way as long as the government has anything to say about it.

Attorney General Haim Cohen last week ruled that an operation to change the sex of an individual from male to female would be violation of the criminal law and could not be permitted even if requested by the individual.

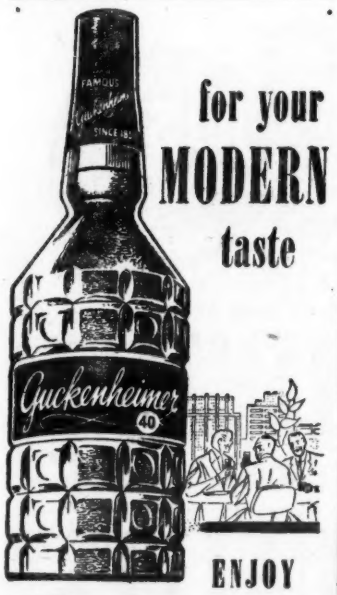
The ruling came when Cohen was asked to pass on the problem after a number of leading phychologists and sexologists had recommended a "sex operation" for a man who suffers severe psychological traume and who might be cured by an operation of this sort.

## Israelis May Join In U.S. Atom Course

WASHINGTON (JP) — Israel scientists may participate in a special four-week course in radioisotope techniques to start next May at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies.

The Israelis have been invited to join in the course, one of the first of several projects forming President Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" plan.

The purpose of the Oak Ridge course would be to interchange knowledge already acquired through application and theory. The Israeli scientists, would be expected to make contributions in the use of radioactive isotopes in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, blood diseases and thyroid conditions.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While the oven is going, I always use it to its fullest, baking a pie or a batch of the ever needed cookies at the same time as the casserole or roast. The aromas of the kitchen are mixed and delightful.

**STUFFED BREAST OF VEAL**

Select a large breast of veal, and ask your butcher to cut a deep pocket in it. For stuffing you may have noodles, kasha, or a grated raw potato stuffing.

**STUFFING FOR VEAL BREAST**

6 potatoes
1 onion
2 eggs
½ cup flour
1 tsp salt
pepper to taste
minced parsley
½ cup hot melted shortening

Grate pared potatoes into a deep bowl. Squeeze out excess liquid. Grate in onion. Add eggs, seasoning and parsley. Combine well. Add hot melted shortening. Let stand ten minutes. Fill pocket in breast of veal. Sew up, or fasten with toothpicks. Rub meat with garlic, if desired. Season, and dredge with flour. Place in greased roasting pan. Roast in moderate oven (325 degrees) 25 minutes per pound. Delicious served with sweet-sour beets. Or you may use a tomato sauce for added zip.

**KASHA VARNITCHKES**

1 cup kasha groats
2 egg yolks
4 cups boiling water
1 tsp salt
4 tblsps schmaltz
1 cup cooked noodles, squares or bows

Brown the kasha in a heavy pan, stirring constantly to prevent sticking or burning. Stir in yolks. Add boiling water slowly, stirring well. Add salt. Cook over moderate heat until kasha is tender. Add cooked noodles and fat. Place in greased casserole and brown under broiler or in oven. For a parve dish you may use salad oil or shortening. "Geschmak" with gravy. A very hearty winter dish. Serves four.

**EASY DATE TORTE**

**DOUGH**

½ cup butter
1¼ cups flour
7 tblsps cream

**FILLING**

2 cups chopped dates
1 cup sugar
⅔ cup milk or light cream
⅛ tsp salt
¼ tsp cinnamon
1 egg

Cut butter into flour as in making pie crust. Add cream. Blend. Pat dough evenly over the bottom of a greased baking pan, bringing dough a little way up the sides. Combine chopped dates, sugar, salt, cinnamon and beaten egg which has been combined with milk. Pour into dough lined pan. Bake in hot oven (400 degrees) 30 minutes or until filling solidifies. Cool before serving. May be served with whipped cream if desired.

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### *A Word to the Wives*

This is the time for stocking up that emergency shelf in the pantry.

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FAMILY SECTION

## They All Are Jews

### Adolph Ochs

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HE WAS born in the South to a father of excellent education and a cultured and brilliant mother. Their influence upon him was immense and lasting. His father, a pious, scholarly idealist, was not much of a provider for his wife and children. Adolph, the oldest, was forced to seek work at the age of 11.

His first job was office boy on the local newspaper. His chief duty was to clean the editor's desk. Soon he was promoted to the position of delivery boy at a weekly salary of one dollar and fifty cents. Then he became a "printer's devil." He learned the newspaper business in an amusing way. Daily he worked until dark. Young and timid, he was afraid to walk home alone, for he had to pass a cemetery. Therefore he would spend hours doing odd jobs about the composing room until the foreman, who lived in his neighborhood, was ready to go home.

When the **Chattanooga Times** suffered a financial collapse, young Adolph, a reporter of 20, borrowed some money and bought the bankrupt newspaper. With a private fortune of $37.50 he became a publisher. As he could not afford a staff, his entire family collaborated in getting out the paper, while Adolph was everything from editor to errand boy. The paper prospered and became one of the leading newspapers of the South. For 18 years, Ochs was at the helm while leaders of politics, industry and finance sought his advice and support on matters of national importance.

At 38, when **The New York Times** fell upon evil days and no one seemed willing to tackle the job of reviving the bankrupt newspaper, Ochs bought it. It seemed a perilous and hopeless task. But within a few year, Ochs made the **Times** one of the most influential newspapers in America, and he became one of the most important newspaper publishers in the world. **The New York Times,** one of the greatest newspapers in the world, is Adolph Ochs's monument.

**This feature is condensed from the book, "They Are All Jews," with biographies by Mac Davis, and portraits by E. E. Claridge, through courtesy of the Hebrew Publishing Company, New York N. Y.**

## Your Name

**Want to know what your name means? Address your question to Mr. Pearlroth. National Jewish Post, Box 1633, Indianapolis 6, Ind.**

**By N. PEARLROTH**

DEAR Mr. Pearlroth: Please let me know the meaning and derivation of my family name, Chanen or Chanin. I was born in Dagda, state of Vitebsk, Russia.—HARRY CHANEN, Quincy, Ill.

**CHANEN** or Chanin is a metronymic, a family name derived from the Hebrew name of a matriarch. The name of this ancestress of yours was Chana (Anna). The addition of the terminal "in" renders it a synonym of the name Annason. A metronymic in the history of Jewish family names is a tribute to an outstanding woman who dominated her family life through spiritual strength or exceptional business acumen.

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DEAR Mr. Pearlroth: I would like to take advantage of your offer in The Jewish Post. Will you please tell me the meaning of my name, Madanick? It was originally spelled Madonick. My father and mother were both born in Russia.—HARRY MADANICK, York, Pa.

**MADANICK** (more correctly "Majdannik") is a name derived from a trade. The Polish word "majdan" refers—among other things—to an establishment for the extraction of potash from plant ashes. Such an establishment was usually located in a woodland and consisted of a shed containing a fire and a great iron pot or boiler in which potash was extracted by lixiviating the wood residue. Some of these establishments were quite considerable and employed large numbers of people. The majdannik was either the manager of such an establishment or its owner. The trade name also refers to the producer of tar and turpentine under the same circumstances. The names Potash, Potashman and Smolar have the same meaning.

MODERN RENAISSANCE MAN

# Anybody Got a Spare Podium? Here's Candidate to Cover It

**By JOSEPH GALE**

THE Lexington Ave. YMHA, in New York, which presents the most unusual programs in town, came up with a topper a few weeks ago in "An Evening of Modern Music, Drama, and Dance." The program was given twice, on Saturday and Sunday evenings. Both times the house was packed with cheering, wildly applauding enthusiasts whose fervid attention enveloped among other things, Igor Stravinsky's "L'Histoire du Soldat," presented in a rare performance as a dance piece for theater, its original form.

The Stravinsky work is scored for seven instruments arranged on one side of the stage, according to the composer's directions, for a reader seated on the other, and for three characters to dance and act out the story in the center. The protagonists all were superb, but space limits prevent my discussing them in detail.

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**THE MUSICAL SPIRIT** behind "L'Historie" is a man with an international reputation as a violist who is quite willing to forsake it —or lay it aside, at any rate—to become a conductor. Emanuel Vardi, whose name in Hebrew means "rosebush," which is English for "Rosenbaum," the ancestral name, was a leading violist in the NBC Symphony Orchestra under Toscanini, and since the Maestro's retirement has become first violist of Symphony of the Air, which the NBC Symphony now calls itself.

Vardi, a youthful-looking 37, t[illegible] and a little stooped, got his first conductorial training [illegible] was a stripling studying at the Institute of Musical Arts, in New York, and later at the Juilliard School of Music. The boy was brought to this country at the age of four from Palestine, where his parents emigrated from Russia.

**EMANUEL VARDI**
**The Siren Song Lures Him**

The viola claimed Vardi in his teens, and at 21 he was offered a post with the Toscanini orchestra. By that time, he was already a seasoned performer with several big recitals and solo appearances with orchestra behind him. He played with the NBC group until 1942, when he enlisted in the Navy and was assigned to the Navy Symphony Orchestra.

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**BETWEEN 1946,** when he was discharged, and 1952, when he rejoined the NBC Symphony, Vardi made a concert tour of Europe, took a GI course in painting while in Italy, there met and married his wife Greta, made several recordings, grew in professional stature and looked for new fields to conquer. The YMHA adventure in which he was the conductor, is one of them.

Today, Vardi is at a crossroads. He is a successful soloist and one of the best first desk men in the business, he is a conductor of sincerity, he has drawn the column for a new harp soon to be brought out, a group of his textile designs, using musical motifs, is in production, and a number of his paintings have been both exhibited and purchased. Vardi has also designed and built furniture in his new house.

The musical world, Vardi's first love though not presupposedly his lasting one, had better look to itself if it desires the allegiance of this modern Renaissance man. The call of brush and easel is strong Vardi admits—but could be matched by the siren song of the podium. Anyone with a good strong, three-foot square, hardwood podium should kindly step forward.

## IT'S THE TRUTH!

**By SAMUEL DEUTSCH**

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THE FIRST electric telephone was constructed by a Jewish scientist, Philip Reiss!

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**ALTHOUGH JEWRY** in America has been celebrating the tercentenary which marks the arrival to this country 300 years ago of the first 23 Jewish settlers, there is only one family in the entire United States today, known to have retained its Jewish faith and affiliation throughout these years, which can trace its ancestry to one of the original 23 Jewish settlers. The honor goes to New York State Supreme Court Justice Edgar J. Nathan Jr., who is known to be a direct descendant of Abraham de Lucena, one of the group that arrived here in September, 1654, from Recife, Brazil. No other Jewish descendants from the original 23 Jewish settlers in this country are known today!

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**SO ACCURATELY** is King Solomon's Temple described in the Bible that it has been possible to re-construct the Temple in all its details in model form. It took 20 years to do so and the job was done by a Palestinian rabbi who displayed it at expositions in cities throughout the world!

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**THE COUNTRY** to which most Jews emigrated after their expulsion from Spain in 1492 was Holland!

**TO DELICATE SCHOOL**

NEW YORK (JP)—Dedication ceremonies for Bar Ilan university in Israel will be held Aug. 7 at the university site near Tel Aviv.

## *Invents New Jet Engine*

Pvt. Si Waitzman of Brooklyn, N. Y., shows a drawing illustrating his new jet engine, which may revolutionize aircraft. It combines the ramjet and turbojet in one engine—lighter, more compact, more powerful, it is said. Waitzman, 25, has been awarded a patent. He is shown at Fort Devens, Mass.

# Winter Vacation Guide

This vacation guide, the ony one of its kind in the Jewish field, will be printed periodically throughout the winter as a service to our readers. There is no charge for inclusion in this guide, and resorts and hotels may submit data for publication although final decision will rest with The Post. Where swimming, tennis or golf is listed, these are on the premises. Only those resorts which advertise as strictly kosher are so designated, although of course The Post takes no responsibility for these statements.

**HOLLYWOOD, FLA.**

Hollywood Beach, 500 rooms, swimming pool, golf course. Jan. 29-Mch. 5, $48-$60 daily 2 persons, including meals. Dec. 3-Jan. 28, $20-$30 single.

**MIAMI BEACH, FLA.**

Anchor Hotel, Dec. 1 - Jan. 15, $5-$7; Jan. 15 - Mch. 15, $11.

Astor, 67 rooms, Dec. to May, $50-$65 weekly, includes meals.

Atlantic Towers, 125 rooms, swimming pool, Dec. 20 - Feb. 1, $8-12. Feb. 1 - Mch. 10, $14 - $18.

Atlantis, 350 rooms, swimming pool. Dec. 20 - Jan. 20, $14 - $20; Jan. 20 - Mch. 15, $21-$30.

Belmar, 130 rooms, swimming pool. Dec. 20 - Jan. 20, $14-$20; Jan. 20 - Mch. 16, $20-$30.

Betsy Ross, 90 rooms, swimming pool, Jan. 20 - Mch. 15, $10-$16.

Broadmoor, 100 rooms, swimming pool. Dec. 15 - Jan. 20, $8-14; Jan. 20 - Mch. 16, $14 - $20.

Cadillac, 125 rooms, swimming pool. Dec. 20 - Jan. 20, $12-$22; Jan. 20 - Mch. 15, $22-$30.

Carousel, 104 rooms, Dec. 15 - Jan. 15, $8 - $18; Jan. 15 - May 1, $12-$26.

Casa Grande Apts., 27 apt. $600-$900 season.

Continental Guest House, capacity 24, Jan. 1-Mch. 15 $35-55 weekly. Catering to people with special diets.

Delano, 209 rooms, swimming pool. Dec. 20 - Jan. 20, $18-$27; Jan. 20 - Mch. 20, $24 - $33.

Delmonico, 150 rooms, swimming pool. Jan. 20 - Mch. 15, $22-$31.

Gaylord, 60 rooms, swimming pool. Dec. 20 - Jan. 15, $8-$14; Jan. 15 - Mch. 15, $12-$18.

Harrison Hotel, Dec. 20-Jan. 19, $3-$5; Jan. 20-Mch. 15, $8-$10.

Jo-Een Hotel, 28 rooms, Dec., $15 single weekly; Jan. 1 - Apr. 1, $20 weekly single.

Johnina, 100 rooms, swimming pool, Dec. 20 - Jan. 20, $10-$18; Jan. 20 - Mch. 15, $14-$20.

Leonard, 54 rooms, Dec. 20 - Mch. 10, $40-$60 weekly.

Lombardy, 175 rooms, swimming pool, Dec. 18 - Jan. 23, $16-$24; Jan. 24 - Mch. 15, $20-$32.

Mantell Plaza, 75 rooms, swimming pool. Dec. 15 - Jan. 20, $8-$12; Jan. 20 - Mch. 20, $10-$15.

Metropole, 100 rooms, Jan. $120 - $150 per month; Feb. $150-$175.

Monte Carlo, 200 rooms, swimming pool. Dec. 1 - Jan. 3 $10-$24; Jan. 3 - Mch. 7, $16-$30.

Morton, 38 apts., Dec. 18 - Jan. 20, $85-$125 weekly; Jan. 20 - Mch. 20, $150-$200.

Normandie, 160 rooms, Dec. 15 - Jan. 20, $6 to $14; Jan. 20 - Mch. 15, $8 to $16.

Palm Cottage, 13 rooms, winter season $150 - $200.

Royal Palm, 125 rooms, swimming pool, Dec. 20 - Jan. 20, $12-$18; Jan. 20 - Mch. 15, $18-$24.

Saxony, 250 rooms, swimming pool, Dec. 20 - Jan. 14, $27 - $35; Jan. 15 - Mch. 15, $35-$45.

Seacomber-Surfcomer, 200 rooms, swimming pool, Dec. 20 - Jan. 20, $16-$24; Jan. 20 - Mch. 15, $18-$24.

Strath Haven Hotel, 100 rooms, strictly kosher, Dec. 1 - 20, $2-$3; Dec. 20 - Mch. 10, $3-$7.50.

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## Shaver Has Done His Share And Probably Much More

by M. Z. FRANK

FRIENDS and admirers of Morris Shaver in Detroit have arranged a celebration to honor him on his 60th birthday. That is good news. It is good to know that qualities such as Morris Shaver possesses are still appreciated.

As a leading member of the Labor Zionist fraternity, Shaver has done his share—and probably more than that—in AMPAL and similar projects. But what makes him stand out is that he has devoted so much of his effort and means to promoting cultural projects both in his home town of Detroit and in the United States and in Israel. At the moment, I do not recall the details of what he did for the Berl House Library in Kfar Saba and for some cultural projects in Haifa. But I remember his contributions have been both sizable and wisely planned.

Moris Shaver himself is a suc cessful businessman in Detroit. His wife, Emma, is famous as a singer, specializing in Yiddish and Hebrew songs. To me they have always been a delightful couple whose friendship I treasure, people who combine simplicity with good taste, whose hospitality is warm and genuine.

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During my year in Haifa I met and handled plenty of visiting Americans. The number included Gov. Theodore McKeldin of Maryland and Simon Sobeloff —then of Maryland, now of Washington. I was very much impressed by both men and felt glad to hear that the former was reelected and the latter elevated to the post of Solicitor-General.

My impression of Sobeloff, with whom, in Haifa, I spent some time in heart-to-heart talks about conditions in Israel, that he carried his Jewishness with dignity and intelligence, has been amply confirmed by his public appearances in his new office. There was his speech in Baltimore at the B'nai B'rith dinner, of which I heard on the day following. And there was his speech at the Weizmann Dinner which I heard. The passages, in which Sobeloff speaks for himself as a Jew (such as his ridiculing the "absorptive capacity" bogey—an indirect barb aimed at Byroade) read better than his statements in the name of the Eisenhower administration.

Sobeloff assured us that Eisenhower and Dulles were "evaluating" the situation in the Middle East and that they appreciate Israel's apprehensions. I don't doubt their sincerity. What I question is the whole policy of the State Department in the Middle East.

**FORGET ISRAEL** for a minute. Why was our government in such a hurry to help kick the British out of Suez, which the British had built up and where they did not interfere with Egypt's sovereignty over the rest of the country, while now it's refusing to consider Cyprus' demand for self determination because of a suddenly developed tenderness for Britain's sensitivity?

Are the Greeks of Cyprus less civilized than the Egyptians? Are they less reliable to run their own island than the comic opera generals of Egypt are to handle the Suez?

The Cypriots would be only too glad to grant bases to Britain—such as Britain recently had in the Suez—if only they are allowed to join Greece, and Greece would be only too glad to underwrite the concession. We are told it is risky; you never know who might get into power in Cyprus or Greece years from now. But is it less risky in Egypt?

Does that make any sense? No, except that: a) the Egyptains are Moslems and must be coddled, while the Cypriots are Christians and are taken for granted, and b) the Egyptains know how to make a noise and how to blackmail and bamboozle our "experts" and play off Americans against British as they once played off British against French, while the Cypriots haven't as yet acquired these skills.

The moral for the Zionists: vigilance, eternal vigilance.

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WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT By HELEN COHEN

## Hotel Wedding Proves Beautiful and Holy

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GUESS I've placed myself in an awkward position.

All these years I've been arguing against holding weddings in hotels. Pointed out that you never see anything but churches listed as the site when non-Jewish wedding announcements appear in the papers, and that the wedding ceremony is a religious rite which deserved a more sacred setting than one could expect of a hotel.

Real set against it, see. So along comes an out-of-town family "simcha" in which the whole affair, ceremony, dinner and reception, are in the same few rooms of a leading hotel and who profits most by this arrangement? Me!

When the mister's attractive step-sister plighted her troth this winter, nothing would do but that all the little Cohens plan to get in on the trip, even down to Hermine, who after all is being nursed and can't very well be left behind. So, hotel reservations made, down to Louisville last Sunday for the joyful occasion we went.

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**AND IF YOU DON'T** think it simplified matters to be comfortably settled in the same hotel for the duration, you haven't traveled with children. Was a toddler tired of feasting at the banquet and ready for bed? Up the elevator he went with big brother. Was the baby upstairs hungry? Mama excused herself briefly from the proceedings. Time to retire? No wraps to find and struggle into. Just ring for the elevator.

And to top off the whole thing, we had been cheerfully informed at the time the reservations were made that the hotel invited family trade by not charging for children.

Maybe I better change my stand on the subject of weddings in hotels. I will say this. Both the few words the rabbi spoke during the ceremony and his blessing at the beginning of the meal impressed me as adding the inspiring spiritual touch to the occasion. Perhaps that is why the Jewish group doesn't feel the need to limit itself to the synagogue for its wedding ceremonies. Because it feels it can kindle a holy flame in other places as well with the proper frame of mind and its traditional approach to marriage as a beautiful and holy occasion.

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**THE SUBJECT OF** the wedding leads me to pay tribute to my sister-in-law. I suppose some people are better equipped to assume responsibility in life's inevitable occasions of sorrow as well as joy. Perhaps of necessity anyone can take charge at such times. But I've noticed through the years that when things needed doing, in her quietly efficient, capable way, Rose was usually in there pitching.

I should have known without asking that she had a hand in the wedding arrangements. As I sat talking to the bride's mother, she explained that all the little cakes had been made over a period of weeks and frozen, and that Rose had more than done her share of baking. As well as quite a bit of cooking for a supper the previous night for out-of-town guests.

When later, I expressed my admiration for her efforts, Rose laughed and modestly replied, "With my three sons, I never expected to help marry off a daughter."

## REPORT FROM HOLLYWOOD

# Here's Hoping Cary Grant Gets Better Break Than Did Cagney

By ANITA and SHIMON WINCELBERG

IN LOS Angeles, the 3000th anniversary of Jerusalem is being celebrated a year later than in New York, which possibly has something to do with the three-hour difference in time. For the occasion, according to a news release from Bonds of Israel Government, "Hollywood's motion picture industry this week stepped forward to offer its facilities and leading talents."

Harry Cohn, president of Columbia Pictures, announced via a studio spokesman that this celebration, scheduled for Jan. 13 at the Shrine Auditorium, "is something that can take place but once in history." Not counting last year's celebration in New York, that is. Or the one they may have in Jerusalem in another three or four years, according to their reckoning.

Starring at the Shrine affair will be Cary Grant, in a cantata by Ben Aronin. It is certain to be a glittering and impressive event, attended by over 6000 purchasers of Israel Bonds, and chances are that the Bond people will not have let Mr. Grant down quite as badly as the JNF did Mr. James Cagney, who appeared locally for their 21st Annual Banquet on Hanukah, ably supported by Eliakum Shapiro and Cantor Allan Michaelson.

Given a rather painful "original drama" about Hanukah, full of such business as Sieg-Heiling Germans, a Hatikvah-humming Cantor, a recital of kaddish, and a sobbing woman, Mr. Cagney did an admirable job of navigating the stilted verbiage of a duologue between himself as Judah Maccabee, and an alleged modern Israeli with a New York accent (unintentional satire, I am certain). The latter, among other things, mispronounced and mistranslated the Hebrew phrase whose initials spell out Maccabi.

But Cagney, even when required to deliver himself of such sentiments as "Tyrants are always madmen, and madmen are always tyrants," managed the assignment in good grace, and as such deserves our thanks for probably having made a greater sacrifice for Zionism this year than most of his listeners.

**NAME CHANGE**

NEW YORK—"Jaffa Gold" will be the export trade name for Israel orange juices, hitherto marketed under a variety of brand names.

## Jewish Tourist Guide

# Historic Jewish Sites in U.S.

This column is based on the book, "A Jewish Tourist's Guide to the U.S." by Bernard Postal and Lionel Koppmann, Philadelphia, The Jewish Publication Society of America, 1954, 670 pages. $5.00.

By LIONEL KOPPMAN

AR FAR AS places of Jewish interest are concerned, St. Louis has no reason to sing the blues. There are at least 30 such places, one of which, interestingly enough, is the Christ Church Cathedral, 13th and Locust sts.

On one of the two baptistry doors of the church there is a series of Jewish symbols as well as God's name in Hebrew. The symbols include the Shield of David, the Ten Commandments surrounded by a crown, a Torah, a lulav, a shofar and a kiddush cup. On the Jewish panel there is an inscription in Hebrew containing verses 4 and 5 from the 6th chapter of Deuteronomy, and verse 18 from the 19th chapter of Leviticus.

This door and a similar one containing Christian symbols are known as Bishop Scarlett Baptistry Doors; they were presented to the cathedral in 1942 by friends of the bishop and Temple Israel upon the bishop's completion of ten years of service. The doors, located in the cathedral's vestibule, are always lit up.

The cathedral itself was designed by the eminent 19th century Jewish architect, Leopold Eidlitz, who also designed the old Moorish synagogue of New York's Temple Emanu-El at 43rd st. and 5th ave., for many years a landmark before the congregation moved to 65th st. and 5th ave.

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| TWA | 11 a.m. Monday<br>11 a.m. Friday | 8:55 p.m. Tuesday<br>8:45 p.m. Saturday |

## Steamships

| | Departs New York | arrives Haifa |
|---|---|---|
| Dagan (Zim) | Jan. 21 | Feb. 6 |
| Brittanic (Cunard) | Jan. 28, 1955 | Feb. 16 |
| SS M. Dizengoff (Zim) | Feb. 10 | Mar. 4 |
| SS Atlantic (Home Lines) | Feb. 11 | Mar. 7 |
| Nieuw Amsterdam (Holland America Line) | March 12 | March 27 |
| SS Jerusalem (Zim) | Mar. 21 | April 5 |
| SS Jerusalem (Zim) | May 23 | June 7 |
| SS Jerusalem (Zim) | July 1 | July 17 |
| SS Jerusalem (Zim) | Aug. 31 | Sept. 15 |

(Italian Line and American Export Line ships go only to Italy where direct connections to Haifa are available via the Adriatica Line and Zim. The Elath and Dagan are cargo vessels, but they accommodate a few passengers. The Brittanic, Atlantic and Nieuw Amsterdam touch at Haifa as part of Mediterranean cruises, but passengers must continue with the cruise).

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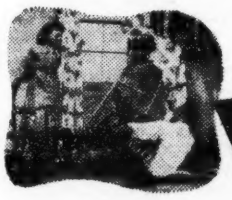

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## *Rabbi Chaim Mednik Dies; Had Planned Move to Israel*

CHICAGO (JP)—Rabbi Chaim Mednik, 77, one of the most revered and best known Chicago rabbis, who was scheduled to depart for Israel shortly with his wife, died unexpectedly Dec. 30 of a cerebral hemorrhage.

Rabbi Mednick, who had for many years been spiritual leader of Congregation Chevro Kadisho Machzike Hadas, was honored at a farewell dinner Oct. 24 on the occasion of his decision to settle in Israel. Now his body is being shipped to Israel for burial.

Formerly a lecturer in Codes and Talmud at the Hebrew Theological college, Rabbi Mednik served for many years as chairman of the education committee of the Associated Talmud Torahs of Chicago and for the last 20 years as chairman of Ezras Torah in Chicago.

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### *Menachem Hager, 65*

TEL AVIV — Rabbi Menachem Hager, 65, national chairman of Mizrachi Organization of Israel died here recently. A native of Poland, Rabbi Hager also served as chairman of the Tel Aviv Chevra Kadisha and had been chief rabbi of Sosnowice, Poland.

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### *Jacob Jamison, 84*

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Jacob Jamison, 84, one of the founders of Congregation Ohel Jacob in Philadelphia, died Dec. 22 in Atlantic City hospital. Mr. Jamison was a retired button manufacturer.

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### *Mrs. Doris Holtzman 33*

CLIFTON, N.J. — Mrs. Doris Harrison Holtzman, 33, wife of David Holtzman and vice president of the Women's Club of the Jewish Community Center here died Dec. 27 in the Jewish Memorial hospital in New York city. A graduate of Hunter college, she also held degrees from Mount Holyoke college and Columbia university.

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### *Henry Samuelsohn, 83*

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — Henry Samuelsohn, 83, first president of the organization which developed into the JYM&WA, died Dec. 24. Mr. Samuelsohn, who was born in Russia, and came here as a boy was the first president of the Young Judean Club and for many years operated a clothing shop in Rochester.

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### *Mrs. Louis Lebster, 69*

FLINT, Mich.—Mrs. Louis Lebster, 69, Flint's most prominent Jewish woman leader, died Dec. 18. Mrs. Lebster was an arganizer of the Flint Hadassah, served as its president and also as president of the Central States Region of Hadassah. She was active in the Jewish National Fund, an organizer of Congregation Beth Jacob, a leader in the sisterhood of Temple Beth El and a prime mover in civic and charitable events.

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### *Aaron Cohen*

WINNIPEG, Can.—Rabbi Aaron Cohen, an assistant cantor and reader at Shaarey Zedek synagogue died in his home Dec. 19. Rabbi Cohen was born in Russia and came to Winnipeg 53 years ago.

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### *Abraham Mittenthal, 77*

NEW YORK—Abraham Mittenthal, 77, co-director of the National Authority for the Ladies Handbag Industry, died Dec. 29 in Lenox Hill hospital after a brief illness. Mr. Mittenthal was a member of the American Arbitration assn. and a trustee of the joint retirement fund of the handbag industry.

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### *Joseph Brout, 72*

SASKATOON, Can. — Joseph Brout, 72, pioneer farmer of the Eyre Jewish colony in Saskatchewan died Dec. 19. Mr. Brout came to the colony in 1914 and was the only original pioneer who remained with the colony.

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### *Erwin Pollitzer, 53*

PITTSBURGH — Erwin Pollitzer, 53, a member of the Zionist Organization of America, died at his place of business Dec. 21 after suffering a heart attack. Founder and president of the Friendship Club of Pittsburgh, a group designed to aid and educate new citizens, Mr. Pollitzer was owner of the Hercules Umbrella Mfg. Co.

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Israel Consulate, 11 E. 70 St.
Jewish Institute of Religion, 40 W. 68th St.
Jewish Museum, 5th Ave. and 92 St.
Jewish Theological Seminary B'way. 3080 Broadway, New York 27.
Lower East Side—(remnants of old ghetto) Delancey St.
Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, 2 W. 70th St.
Temple Emanuel, 1 E. 65 St.
Yeshiva University, Amsterdam Ave. and 185 St.

**National Organizations**

American Jewish Congress, 15 E. 84th St.
Histadrut Ivrit, 165 W. 46th st., PL. 7-0920.
Jewish National Fund, 41 E. 42nd St., VA6-3780.
Kashruth Supervisors Union, 205 West 14th St., AL. 5-7330.
National Community Relations Advisory Council, 9 E. 38th, MU5-1606.
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400 Madison Ave., N. Y., 17 MU. 8-0123.
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Union of American Hebrew Congregations, 838 Fifth Ave. REgent 7-8200.

**Educational Organizations**

Jewish Education Committee of New York, 1776 Broadway, C15-8200.
Committee for Furtherance of Jewish Education, 694 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn 13, N. Y., PResident 8-4600.
Mizrachi National Education Committee, 1133 Broadway NYC. WAtkins 4-5522.

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American Israel Retirement Service, 152 W. 42nd St., W17-8074.

## Coming Events

Jan. 7-8-9. SENIOR YOUNG JUDAEAN CLUBS OF LONG ISLAND will hold their winter cultural convention. Sponsored by the Long Island Zionist Youth Commission. Forest Hills Jewish Center.

Jan. 8. M'LAVE MALKE honoring memory of Dr. Samuel Friedman will be tendered by the Bobover Yeshiva Bnei Zion. Hotel Manhattan Towers. 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 8. PARADE OF STARS benefit show for Jewish National Home for Asthmatic Children at Denver. Town Hall, 113 W. 43rd st.

January 9. YESHIVATH TORAH VODAATH & MESIVTA ANNIVERSARY DINNER. Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Jan. 16-17-18. JEWISH CENTER OF KEW GARDENS HILLS SISTERHOOD BAZAAR. Jewish Center of Kew Gardens Hills. All day.

Jan. 22. UNITED JEWISH APPEAL TESTIMONIAL DINNER honoring Edward M. M. Warburg, president UJA. Waldorf-Astoria hotel. Evening.

Jan. 30. MIZRACHI ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN CLIMAX AND TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION. Carnegie Hall. Evening.

Jan. 31. JEWISH WAR VETERANS GOLD MEDAL AWARD DINNER honoring Col. Harry D. Henshel with Gold Medal of Merit Award. Grand Ballroom. Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Evenings.

## Cultural

Monday, Jan. 10. GETTING OFF TO A GOOD START. Lecture-course given on Monday nights at Congregation Emanu-El, 1 E. 65th st. Admission free . 8 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 10. BOOKS OF UNCOMMON INTEREST. Lecture-course. Rabbi Irwin M. Blank will conduct lecture on book, The Jew in American History, by Rufus Learsi. Congregation Emanu-El, 1 E. 65th st. Admission free. 8 p.m.

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Tuesday, Jan. 11. HALACHIC POINT OF VIEW OF ADOPTION AND PRESENTATION. Talk by Rabbi Tibor Stern. West Side Institution Synagogue, 122 West 76th st.

Monday, Jan. 17. WESTERN JEWRY. Lecture by Aaron Gelmon. Public lecture series given by Yeshiva university graduates. Hebrew Institute of University Heights, 1835 University ave., Bronx. 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 18. MODERN ENGLISH-JEWISH CLASSICS. Readings by Maurice Samuel. YMHA, Lexington ave. and 92d st.

Wednesday, Jan. 19. HORIZONS FOR JEWISH EDUCATION IN AMERICA. Forum sponsored by the American Zionist Council. B'nai Jeshurun Community Center, 270 W. 89th st. 8 p.m. EL, 137 E. 29th st., Saturday

Tuesday, Jan. 25. THE COMPOSITION OF THE JEWISH PRAYER BOOK. Talk by Rabbi Tibor Stern. West Side Institutional Synagogue, 122 West 76th st.

## Entertainment

**THEATER**

THE DYBBUK by S. Ansky. In English. 4th St. Theatre. Tuesday through Sunday. Mats. Sat., Sun.

STONE FOR DANNY FISHER by Leonard Kantor. In English. National Theatre. Every evening except Thursday. Mats. Sat., Sun.

THE KING AND THE COBBLER by Sammy Groneman. In Yiddish. Radin Auditorium, Saturday and Sunday. Mats. Sun.

WISH ME LUCK by William Siegel. Second Avenue Theatre. Every evening. Mats. Sat., Sun.

RICH PAUPERS by H. Hoffenberg. Parkway Theatre, Eastern Parkway ½ St. Johns pl., Brooklyn. Friday through Sunday. Mats. Sat., Sun.

THE FLOWERING PEACH, by Clifford Odets. In English. Belasco Theatre. Evenings, Mats., Sat., Sun.

**FILMS**

Sunday, Feb. 27. THE EARTH CRIES OUT. Film on Israel. English dialogue. Also THE EARTH SINGS. Interpretation of Israeli songs, dances. YMHA, 92d st. and Lexington ave.

**CONCERTS**

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Sunday, Jan. 9. JUDAS MACCABEUS. Performance of Handel's work to be given by the Interracial Fellowship Chorus. St. Michaels Church, 99th st. and Amsterdam ave. 7:30 p.m.

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By ABRAHAM BURSTEIN

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As always, the K'tav Publishing House leads the field in gadgeteering. They have just published a 24-carat gold-embossed "Leathercraft Set" for boys and girls, covered with Jewish symbols ($1.39); a "Yom-Tov Paint Book," with brush and palette and outlines of Jewish objects ($1.00); a "Happy Holiday Play Book," with verses, stencils, and pages which can be wiped off ($1.00); and "Tuck Tape," attractive sticker rolls with Hanukah and other pictures ($.39).

All this in addition to the most beautifully colored Hebrew primers ever devised, "Chaveri Aleph" and "Bet" ($.75 each), done by Edythe and Sol Scharfstein; and Robert Garvey's very youthful and effective "The First Book of Jewish Holidays," illustrated in color by Sam Weiss ($1.25).

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**FROM THE** Cleveland Bureau Jewish Education, prolific producer of pedagogic materials, comes "My Holiday Books," one for the High Holy Days, and one for Succot, as well as "My Sabbath Book." These pamphlets, excellent of their kind, contain information, stories, games, songs, Hebrew words, and many other useful elements; and cost but 20 cents each.

A more ambitious projects of this genre is the "Jewish Holiday Party Book," by Lillian S. Abramson and Lillian T. Leiderman (Bloch, $1.75). "A Practical Guide for Mother and Teacher Planned for Children Ages 5 to 12," this book provides ideas for the young party giver, from the invitation through the games and favors and ceremonies, to the eats. A list of records, story books, and song books is happily appended.

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For older children interested in the traditional Sabbath, we have received from London Dayan I. Grunfeld's "The Sabbath: A Guide to Its Understanding and Observance," published by the Sabbath League of Great Britain ($1.50). This is excellent supplementary reading for higher classes.

And finally, all the young folks studying Hebrew and other tongues will be fascinated by Mario Pei's "All About Language" (Lippincott, $2.75), which describes speech, how languages work, what English and its fellow tongues consist of, and how they differ. Professor Pei is the most erudite and popular current writer on linguistics, and it is a happy event when he composes a volume that will attract the young as well as the adult.


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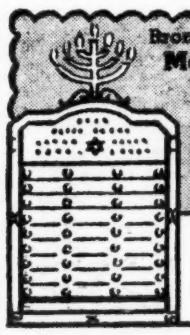
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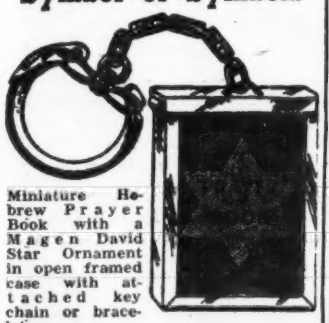
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## THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

RABBI Barnett R. Brickner of Cleveland, president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (Reform) takes me to task gently for the piece in my Editor's Chair on filling that pulpit in the small Illinois town.

"My attention has been called," he writes, "to the Editor's Chair in which you seem to take over the function of a rabbinical placement committee. Being as knowledgeable as you are, you ought to know that each of the rabbinical conferences has a placement committee that tries to regularize the procedure so that the suitable man is placed in the suitable pulpit, all with a view to doing away with the chaos and anarchy, with concomitant disrespectful aspects, that accompany the 'free for all.'

"I would suggest," he continues, "that whenever anyone refers to you to find them a rabbi, that you ask them what their denomination is and what kind of rabbi they are looking for, and refer the whole inquiry to the proper placement committee . . ."

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**IN THE CASE** of the Illinois pulpit, the problem was, and this is the problem in most instances but not all, that the congregation could not afford to pay more than $5,000. This pulpit was empty because neither the Orthodox or the Conservative placement groups could fill it.

In many places in the U.S. congregations go without rabbinical direction because they are unable to afford the high salaries rabbis get these days.

As in several of the other instances called to our attention, the Illinois congregation, unable to secure a rabbi from the Conservative group, had turned to an Orthodox seminary for help. But evidently the Orthodox were unable to do anything either.

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**THERE ARE MANY** rabbis throughout the U.S. who have found that they are unable to find adequate pulpits by referring to the placement committees. Even the smoothest operating placement committee has trouble placing a rabbi who, although he may be most qualified, is not acceptable to most congregations because he speaks with an accent. They are new Americans and in the one place where they should not have to suffer because of their being driven from their native lands because of Hitlerism—the House of God—they suffer most.

Some of these rabbis are so eager for any pulpit, that they often call The POST long distance from thousands of miles away because they missed an issue and are afraid that issue may have contained an advertisement for a pulpit.

The POST has consistently supported the introduction of placement committees with power to do the job that needs to be done.

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**"IN THE EVENT** that a man does not belong to a rabbinical body," Rabbi Brickner adds, "and is a 'free-lancer' and looking for a 'job,' then maybe your advertising column serves a purpose. But the fewer free-lancing rabbis we have and the less you encourage it, the more dignified Jewish life in America will be."

I think Rabbi Brickner is in the wrong pew. There is a problem here, and it has little or nothing to do with placement committees. The problem is the shortage of rabbis, so that the young graduating rabbi chooses the higher paying pulpits in the larger communities. The problem then is what to do about the small Jewish communities, which evidently must be served if Judaism is not to die out in these communities.

Let the placement committees and the rabbinical bodies address themselves to this problem, and it will be time spent more profitably than in worrying about what little The POST does to alleviate the situation.

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MY piece about Rabbi Charles Shulman's lovely new synagogue in Riverdale, N. Y. has brought me an invitation from William Nathan, a subscriber from Houston, to visit Emanu El there.

Wrote subscriber Nathan:

"Emanu El in Houston cordially invites you to come take a look. We are east of the Rockies. We don't envy Rabbi Shulman of Riverdale his magnificent temple you so gloriously describe in this week's National Jewish Post. But brother, you haven't seen ours."

In this connection I promised Rabbi Gunther Plaut of St. Paul that I'd come to the dedication of his new Temple, for which incidentally Eric Mendelson was architect. The date was Dec. 17 and I didn't know that I wouldn't be able to get away.

# None More Deserving

WE recognize the problem of Jewish institutions of learning both here and in Israel in honoring their workers for their cause. But there is a danger that the awards will not be made on the basis of true distinction.

Vulgarization of the awards by our schools will eventually be self-defeating.

The institutions are under severe pressure, probably mostly from the fund-raising and promotion department, to give some kind of recognition to various workers, especially in view of the dire need of these schools for financial support.

When the schools award honorary degrees there should be no question whatsoever about the distinction and the contribution of the recipient to the causes which represent the highest in Judaism and the Jewish people.

One Jewish university has sought to meet this problem properly. The degrees go only to the most deserving. But in addition it has laid out a system of various recognitions of a minor sort, which seem to satisfy the demands of the situation.

But we're not too sure that even this approach doesn't have its negative implications.

Because of the stress on wealth in the Jewish community, it must create problems of some proportions when Brandeis university, or the Hebrew university in Jerusalem, or Yeshiva university, or the Technion, or the Jewish Theological Seminary, or the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion set out to choose those to whom they will present their highest academic award.

No doubt there will always be those who will feel they have been overlooked when the academic honors are distributed, for those who lack true stature are just the ones who will be alienated.

We submit, however, that considerations for selection might well be enlarged to include those individuals who have played so significant a role in the formation of a sound and creative American Jewish community.

# Israel Speaks Deserves Aid

THE failure of Israel Speaks to appear for the past six weeks must be a matter of serious concern to those who recognize the need for a Jewish publication like this which does the finest job interpreting Israel to the English-speaking world.

Were Israel Speaks to disappear, the loss would be irreparable, and also something of a mystery. For if there is any one area in which the pro-Israel contingent has scored its most signal failure, it is right here in bringing an accurate picture of Israel life to the American Jewish community.

The tragedy is obvious. The mystery is this:

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent on educational and propaganda material which is so mediocre and so transparent that if anything it creates an aversion to Israel instead of a joyful attitude towards it.

Israel Speaks has been struggling along with amounts doled out by private persons who, recognizing its value, want to keep it alive.

But it is time now that some regular method of regular support be found so that the publication can grow and take advantage of its potentialities of becoming a powerful instrument for bettering Israel-American Jewish relations.


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### STORY ON AJ COMMITTEE DRAWS FIRE FROM ISRAELI JOURNALIST

● Editor, **Jewish Post:**

Your excellent editorial in the Dec. 24th issue on the American Jewish Committee delegation to North Africa partially makes up for the distortion in your front-page streamer of the week before acccusing the delegation of warning Zionists not to "pressure" North African Jews to emigrate to Israel.

Once you get past the headline and lead sentence—which unfortunately many readers never do—you find that the position of the delegation is fairly clear and does not even remotely justify your reporter's conclusion. The American Jewish Committee is not a Zionist organization. Its objective is not exodus to Israel but protection of the rights of Jews wherever they may reside.

The delegation found that 220,000 Moroccan Jews are still classed as "dhimmis." (A "dhimmi" the delegation explained in its memorandum to the State Department has "no right to vote, obtain a passport, or even have his sworn oath accepted in a Moroccan court of law.")

It is understandable, therefore, why the delegation also found that large numbers of Moroccan Jewry have registered for emigration to Israel where they will be first-class citizens building their own homeland. The American Jewish Committee firmly supports, according to your story, "the right of every Jew who wants to go to Israel to do so with his possessions."

One paragraph of the delegation's press release ably sums up the Committee's position:

"We earnestly hope that such conditions will be created, so that integration of Jews (in Morocco) may become a full-fledged reality. At the same time the right of free movement of people, with their belongings, must be secured. The way must be left open for the calm and orderly emigration from Morocco by Jews and others who, on the basis of their own experience, decide that the conditions for equality and security do not exist, and choose to depart of their own free will."

"Calm and orderly emigration," as you point out in your editorial, is the objective of the Jewish Agency. Your reporter must have misunderstood Dr. Slawson who is quoted as having seen whole villages being emptied by "salesmen for the Jewish Agency." Dr. Slawson probably said that he heard such stories.

I have heard them, too. I don't know how true they are, but the question is academic, because all of these stories pertain to the 1948-49 period of mass immigration. At the moment, as your editorial points out on the basis of the eyewitness account in the London Jewish Chronicle and The Jerusalem Post, many more Moroccan Jews apply for emigration to Israel than are accepted by the Jewish Agency doctors. Such expressions as "salesmen for the Jewish Agency" are, therefore, entirely uncalled for at the present time.

JESSIE ZEL LURIE
American Correspondent for the **Jerusalem Post**

### NEED FOR SHULCHAN ARUCH RULES ASSERTED BY ANOTHER DEFENDER

● Editor, **Jewish Post:**

Your weekly has been publishing reprints of past articles which ridicule traditional Jewish beliefs and practices, calling the Shulchan Aruch an outmoded document, "not in accordance with our times."

What are our times?

We see a time of widespread education, of many colleges and college graduates, of a host of free-thinkers conducting a vicious attack on religion.

We see a time of the removal of restrictions, of unbridled freedom of youth, of greater juvenile delinquency, of a rise in sexual criminality—holding life and person cheap.

We today tend to regard our grandparents of the old school as uneducated and superstitious, and consider ourselves so very superior in the possession of our science and conveniences.

Against such times the venerable Shulchan Aruch has always waged and still is waging unrelenting war in the struggle for human ideals and decency.

The quotation in the **Post** (Dec. 17) omits several vital sentences and thus misleads readers who do not have access to the Shulchan Aruch. The author neglects to include the important phrase "with intention to arouse one's sexual desire" (toward other women) in her quotation. The prohibition about hearing the voice of a woman singer may well be referred in our day to the burlesque shows and the night club performances which provide an atmosphere for open vice.

The purpose of this section is to have us beware of debasing our bodies and our souls, to turn us away from the slavery of the animal to the service of our higher calling.

Even though we may fail to follow every single item in the code, if only we become conscious of its total meaning, then the essential goal will have been fulfilled.

Our parents and their parents before them lived a simple life which we moderns call narrow, but can we with our mighty 20th century knowledge hold a candle to them for character and goodness? Can we young American Jews pretend we are better than old Israel which stuck to the Shulchan Aruch standards?

To punch holes in that fine book is the sign of an adolescent mentality striving to assert its superiority by tearing down the pillars of the elders.

Indeed, we are too little acquainted with the contents of the Shulchan Aruch, but surely we can easily remedy that by a straightforward and respectful reading of that guide which sustained our people through all the trials and misery and misfortune to hold high the torch of Jewish life.

LOUIS FEIER
Bronx, N. Y.

### *Macon Bar Mitzvah First In 57 Years*

MACON, Ga. (JP)—Congregation Beth Israel, a long time citadel of classic Reform Judaism, held its first bar mitzvah in 57 years last Saturday.

Rabbi Newton J. Friedman, spiritual leader of the congregation founded in 1859, has scheduled several more for 1955 so the congregation "will not have to wait so long for the next bar mitzvah."

*I THINK AS I PLEASE*

# Here Are Reasons for Needing Our Association of Americans

By CARL ALPERT

TEL AVIV—I have just attended the annual convention of the Association of American and Canadians in Israel, an organization composed of several thousand North Americans now settled in the country. According to all reports there are many times that number of former Americans living in Israel, but they have integrated themselves so well into the community that they have no need or desire to associate with other Americans. This is an ideal situation from the point of view of adjustment, and you may be sure that the subject was thoroughly discussed at the convention.

ALPERT

Underlying the program at all sessions, and permeating the mood of every speaker was the obvious, though frequently unuttered question: Why do we need a landsmanchaft of Americans in Israel? Will not the very existence of this organization, the very fact that we gather at meetings with other Americans, serve to retard our integration and emphasize our separatism as a group?

What do we talk about, we Americans in Israel, when we get together at a meeting? What constitutes our business; what is the text of our resolutions at conventions?

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**FIRST LET ME** dispose of the negative. We almost never talk about our life in the States. We never compare notes about the "good old days" in Brooklyn or Avondale. We seldom reminisce about school days or "home" or old acquaintances. No element of nostalgia enters our mood.

We do gripe a good deal, but the extent to which our present life occupies our attention and energy may be gleaned from the fact that all our griping is about Israel and about life around us. I should be quick to add that much of this griping has nothing to do with ourselves. If we have been in Israel for a while and no longer complain, that would be a sign of weakness. It is considered perfectly proper—nay even necessary—to gripe about principles which do not necessarily affect us personally. And we like to think that if we make our voices heard from one end of the land to the other—from the customs shed at Haifa port to the government buildings in Jerusalem, we may be able to have something done about the situation which provokes us.

**AND THERE YOU** have an important function for our American Association. There was a time not so very many months ago, when it appeared that Israel's customs regulations were framed with the deliberate purpose of discriminating against Americans and of squeezing out of them the last dollar which they had saved for the beginning of new lives in Israel. We who are already settled in Israel were disturbed at the effect this was having on potential new settlers. Singly and collectively we made ourselves heard—and so effectively that the customs procedure has been revamped. Customs terror is a thing of the past.

There was a time when the new American arrival could not find a roof to shelter himself and family. We held conventions and we griped and we passed resolutions and we printed appeals in the papers and we wrote collective indignant letters and we lobbied—and we have helped to make available, first of all emergency hostels, and then inexpensive apartments.

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**THESE ARE** but two examples; there are many others, and it is encouraging to report that the government of Israel and its officials, high and low, are only too anxious to do what is right and what is proper, even if they have to have some help and some suggesstions from time to time in charting the path.

So you see that in large measure our Association is interested in helping the new arrivals. We are interested in encouraging more Americans to come here, too. With respect to integration of our preset members we conduct Hebrew classes; we organize sightseeing expeditions so that we shall get to know well this land in which we live; we have set up a loan fund for speedy assistance to members in economic need; we foster participation in civic and communal activities; we learn and enjoy the folk dances of Israel; we run parties and invite non-Americans so that we may broaden our social horizions; we have a full program.

It's not easy. Some of our local chapters, frequently in big cities, don't do all that they should. Some of our members get tired, and forgetting that they have a responsibility to others, don't come to meetings. That is why we have conventions, with sessions and speakers and committees and resolutions, and we all go home encouraged and inspired to continue our work.


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# Record Price Cuts May Create New Problems for Small Outfits

By JOSEPH GALE

RCA Victor's price cut of 33 to 40 per cent on long-play, extended play and 45 rpm records, will truly mean everything to the consumer and dealer that the company claims it should.

The consumer will certainly visit his record store more frequently, and while he may spend no more money on records than before, his purchases will represent greater value. The retailer will be encouraged, RCA Victor hopes, to modernize his store so that modern shopping facilities will be available to the general public.

"For this reason," RCA said, "we have established a consulting service that will be able to work with dealers to make record shopping easier, pleasanter and faster."

GALE

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**RCA Victor's** announcement is of paramount importance, because the rest of the industry will have to follow suit—and quickly—or face a devastating loss in sales. The day the statement hit the press, executives of other record companies expressed surprise in degrees ranging from astonishment to stupor. Their consensus was that the announcement had caught them "completely off base."

The fact is they had known prices would have to tumble in order to revive the enviable 1949-52 volume of sales. They knew that to be effective the cut would have to be made by one of the Big Four. What they did not know was when the axe would fall, and none dared take the initiative themselves.

Assuredly, the lower prices are a step forward. I wrote in this space two years ago that such action was inevitable. RCA Victor kept its secret well, but I for one wasn't completely flabbergasted, and I cannot believe the record men were, either. They knew what was coming and must have been preparing for it.

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**THERE ARE TWO** less apparent results of the action. One is the effect it will have on discount stores. Will record shops selling at 30 per cent off list price still be able to afford discounts to purchasers, now that their margins of profit have been reduced?

The other is more far-reaching than the price cut itself. It is simply that small recording outfits, some of them one and two-man businesses, may be forced out of operation. Many of them have turned out our finest records, releasing from half a dozen to a dozen and a half recordings a year, recovering the cost of one release and investing it immediately in another. These men have been fighting to keep toeholds in the industry, and the RCA price cut may be the crusher that sends them to the wall.

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**VICTOR, WITH** its enormous facilities and distribution, can afford to lower prices and, at the worst, sustain a slight, temporary financial loss. Inevitably, its prestige and resources, and the tradition of buying RCA Victor, will win out. The small label, without its own pressing facilities and with precarious distribution, will have to reduce prices without a commensurate drop in costs. The outcome is painfully obvious.

Several months ago, there was some talk that small companies were thinking of associating for purposes of pressing and releasing, but retaining their artistic entitles. In recent weeks, I have heard nothing about this, but the talk may be revived. Some action is sure to come, since in economic warfare there are few clear-cut victories.

# ...with organizations

As a service to organizations who may be scheduling affairs of their own and who seek to avoid a conflict of dates with other organizations The POST will print an advance announcement of forthcoming national and regional meetings. These notices will appear only once and in this section.

● **Meeting** . . . The World Jewish Congress, spokesman for Jewish communities and organizations in 60 nations, will hold a plenary meeting of its executive in Paris, France, Jan. 27-30. More than 60 members of the WJC executive, representing Jewish communities throughout the world, are expected to attend the parley which will be devoted to studying international political, cultural, organizational and United Nations problems affecting the Jewish people.

● **Program** . . . A nation-wide program to stimulate the development of the Hebrew language and Hebrew culture in the United States will get underway in the near future under the sponsorship of the Brit Ivrit Clamit (World Hebrew Culture Federation), the international organization representing Hebrew federations throughout the world. The Histadrut Ivrith of America is the American branch of the group. The program will be launched Jan. 21 at a press conference in New York by a delegation of three Israeli scholars.

● **Mourning** . . . A reception planned for Israeli poet Izhak Lamdan on his intended visit to the United States will be turned into a "Meeting of Mourning," in memory of the author of many of the Jewish state's most popular poems. The meeting will be held Jan. 8 in New York.

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# 6 More Jews Arrested In Egypt As Trial of 12 'Spies' Continues

NEW YORK (JP)—With the trial of the 12 "Zionist spies" still going on in Cairo, Egypt last week announced the arrest of six more Jews, charged this time with being "Communist spies."

The new group, including one woman, four or five of whom are French citizens, are accused of having gathered political and military data and sending it to the Communists in Paris.

Making the announcement of the arrest, Ali Nur e-Din, an Egyptian government security department attorney emphasized that the case was one of Communist agents, not spies for Israel.

**CONFESSION ALLEGED**

A report of the arrests in **The Jewish Chronicle** of London said that the six were said to have been in contact with a Zionist center in Paris and to have admitted being "Zionist spies." The **Chronicle** also said that it was known that four of the accused had been arrested as far back ago as last October.

Those arrested were identified as Henri Vita Cohen, a Cairo newspaper advertising designer; Henri Osmo, an official of the Nile Trading company; Miss Joyce Blau, of the Belgian Charleroi Electrical Engineering company; her brother Nathan Blau of the Mattatia Advertising company; Elie Salomon Israel, a teacher at the French secondary school Alliance Israelite Universelle, at Tanta in the Nile delta; and Nessim Ibrahim Nahmis, of the Boustani Tobacco company.

The French embassy, confirming that some of the accused spies are French citizens, said that its government would provide them with legal aid.

**TELLS DETAILS**

Announcing details of the alleged spying, Nur e-Din said the group conducted activities from an apartment in a big house in Faud st. in the heart of downtown Cairo. Cohen, he said, was arrested while photographing reports destined for the Communist headquarters in Paris.

A search of Cohen's office and house produced subversive literature and various papers throwing light on the Communist underground in Egypt and its connections with Communists in France. Some of the arrested had confessed, the investigator concluded.

In the case already in progress, a defense lawyer of the 12 accused Jews said in court that Marcelle Nino had tried to commit suicide because "she was tortured, beaten up and forced to talk under pressure."

The first trial is continuing and the second one is expected to start within a week before a military court similar to that being used in the first case.

# WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

## *Jewish D.P.'s Threaten Strike*

MUNICH—A hunger strike has been threatened by 35 Jewish D.P.'s at a German T.B. hospital at Gauting, Bavaria, who demand that authorities change their decision to cease providing kosher meals. The Germans cite economy as the reason for the decision.

## *Knesset Rejects Anti-Pig Law*

JERUSALEM—The Knesset last week rejected a motion spearheaded by Orthodox members to ban the sale of pork products, except by Christians to Christians, and to stop pig-breeding in Israel. The government position was outlined by Minister of Justice Pinhas Rosen, who said that the present law permitted pig-breeding only in Central Galilee.

## *'Terrorists' Sentenced to Death*

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Making the announcement of the arrest, Ali Nur e-Din, an Egyptian government security department attorney emphasized that the case was one of Communist agents, not spies for Israel.

**CONFESSION ALLEGED**

A report of the arrests in **The Jewish Chronicle** of London said that the six were said to have been in contact with a Zionist center in Paris and to have admitted being "Zionist spies." The **Chronicle** also said that it was known that four of the accused had been arrested as far back ago as last October.

Those arrested were identified as Henri Vita Cohen, a Cairo newspaper advertising designer; Henri Osmo, an official of the Nile Trading company; Miss Joyce Blau, of the Belgian Charleroi Electrical Engineering company; her brother Nathan Blau of the Mattatia Advertising company; Elie Salomon Israel, a teacher at the French secondary school Alliance Israelite Universelle, at Tanta in the Nile delta; and Nessim Ibrahim Nahmis, of the Boustani Tobacco company.

The French embassy, confirming that some of the accused spies are French citizens, said that its government would provide them with legal aid.

**TELLS DETAILS**

Announcing details of the alleged spying, Nur e-Din said the group conducted activities from an apartment in a big house in Faud st. in the heart of downtown Cairo. Cohen, he said, was arrested while photographing reports destined for the Communist headquarters in Paris.

A search of Cohen's office and house produced subversive literature and various papers throwing light on the Communist underground in Egypt and its connections with Communists in France. Some of the arrested had confessed, the investigator concluded.

In the case already in progress, a defense lawyer of the 12 accused Jews said in court that Marcelle Nino had tried to commit suicide because "she was tortured, beaten up and forced to talk under pressure."

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# WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

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